

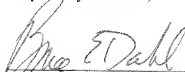
REMARKS

In the office action, dated November 22, 2006, the examiner issued a restriction requirement and directed Applicant to elect to claims in either Group I (claims 1-17) or Group II (claims 18-24).

Applicant hereby elects without traverse Group II. Applicant understands that, once the election is entered, the non-elected claims will be considered withdrawn. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims at the appropriate time.

Applicant asks the examiner to grant an early allowance. If any questions or issues remain to be resolved the examiner is requested to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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